

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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### **SELECTION OF NEW U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Charles "Chad" Everingham IV was selected by the judges of the Eastern District of Texas on Friday to serve as the first U.S. magistrate judge stationed full-time in the Marshall federal courthouse. The new judgeship was created by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 2006. Everingham has served as permanent law clerk to U.S. District Judge T. John Ward since Jan. 3, 2000. He will take office as magistrate judge effective April 1, 2007.

"I'm both humbled and thrilled with this appointment. I'm grateful to the judges of this district for giving me the opportunity to serve the district in this capacity. I'm really looking forward to the challenges and responsibilities of this office," Everingham said late Friday afternoon. Judge Ward said, "We're very fortunate to have someone with Chad Everingham's qualifications to have applied for this position and to have been selected. Since Chad chose the legal profession, he has been outstanding in his many accomplishments, beginning with graduating No. 1 in his law school class from Baylor Law School in 1993 and spending a one-year clerkship with the late United States District Judge Howell Cobb, slightly over five years in private practice involved in handling many complex matters in both state and federal court and serving as lead counsel in complex jury trials, and as second chair counsel in a large number of cases. He has been instrumental in assisting me as a United States district judge in adopting procedures for the efficient management of my docket. He is a person of unquestionable integrity and very accomplished skills in legal analysis. I am very fortunate for Chad Everingham to have been chosen for this important position for the Marshall Division."

The district judges for the Eastern District of Texas selected Everingham on Friday after interviewing five applicants who had been recommended for the post by an eight-member Merit Selection Panel. The panel was appointed to nominate individuals whose character, experience and ability fully qualified them for the position of magistrate judge. Magistrate judges serve for a term of eight years, and then are subject to reappointment after review.

The 38-year-old attorney received his undergraduate degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, with a major in political science and a minor in history. He then went to Baylor University School of Law, where he graduated in 1993 as the highest ranking student in his class. During law school, Everingham served on the Baylor Law Review as Lead Articles Editor. After law school, Everingham served as a law clerk for the late U.S. District Judge Howell Cobb in Beaumont, and then spent several years in private practice as an associate with the Brown McCarroll & Oaks Hartline firm in Longview. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Everingham and his wife Wendi have two children - Emily, 8 and Chance, 5. The family resides in Diana and are members of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Longview. Everingham is the son of Marcia and Charles Everingham of Longview.